

A BILL

FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INDEBTEDNESS OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That it shall be the
2 duty of the city treasurer and city auditor, acting conjointly, in all cities of the first and sec-
3 ond class, incorporated under the general incorporation laws of the state, to file with the
4 city clerk, for the use of the city council, on the first Monday in every month, a true and cor-
5 rect statement, duly certified by them, of the city indebtedness.

SEC. 2. In making up said statement of city indebtedness, said officers shall include:

2 *First*—The entire bonded indebtedness of the city for all purposes.

3 *Second*—The entire floating debt of the city, as represented by outstanding warrants, or in
4 any other manner, from the total of which indebtedness may be deducted any cash actually
5 on hand in the city treasury.

6 *Third*—If the city is under any continuing liability to any person or corporation, said lia-
7 bility shall be embraced in said statement of indebtedness at an amount which at eight per
8 cent interest would produce the amount of the annual liability to such person or corpora-
9 tion.

SEC. 3. A failure to make and file such statement as is required by the preceding sec-
2 tions shall be regarded as a breach of duty on the part of the delinquent officer, for which he
3 shall forfeit to the city the sum of one hundred dollars of his salary.

SEC. 4. The statements hereinbefore provided for shall be for the benefit of the city
2 council, and if any indebtedness or liability shall be incurred by the city council in excess
3 of five per cent of the last preceding assessment rolls, the individual memrs be of said city
4 council voting for such indebtedness or liability shall be personally liable, jointly and sever-
5 ally, for the amount of such liability, and as to the city such contract-indebtedness or liabil-
6 ity shall be null and void: *provided,* however, that this section shall not be held to include as
7 a contract-liability or indebtedness within the meaning hereof, any obligation created or in-
8 curred for salaries of officers or current expenses for operating the city government, includ-

9 ing repairs to streets and sidewalks.

SEC. 5. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its publication in the *Daily Iowa State Register* and the *Daily Iowa State*
3 *Leader*, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.